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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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08/12/2008: Janusz, SP9YI is now QRV from the Henryk Arctowski Station (AA SP-01, WAP POL-01) on King George Island (AN-010, WLOTA LH-0312) with a new call sign HF0APAS for this years expedition. QSL via SP9YI. [GM3ITN]

11/12/2008: Aki, JA1KAJ will be active as E51QQQ from Rarotonga Island (OC-013), South Cook Islands, from December 11-17th. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 80-10 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

12/12/2008: William, F1TZG, wil be active from Senegal as 6W/F1TZG between December 12-14th. Activity will be on ALL bands and 6 meters SSB only. He will use a TS870 and TS2000 (/w only 100w) into a beam for 20/15/10/6 meters and a vertical for the other bands. QSL only via his home callsign or the info on QRZ.com. [OPDX Bulletin]

12/12/2008: Bodo, DL3OCH will be active as KT3Q/4 from Key Biscayne Island (NA-141, USi FL-030S, WLOTA LH-1246), Dade County, Florida, from December 12-26th. He also plans to activate other IOTA's during his stay. IOTA's mentioned are NA-052, NA-062, NA-069 or NA-138. QRV 40-15 meter CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

13/12/2008: The activity from the San Gabriel Island (SA-057) under the CX1F call sign, postponed the last month because of weather and sea conditions will finally take place on December 13th. QRV 80, 40,20, 15, 10 and 2 meters, propagation permitting. QSL LU stations: CX2FT- Adriana, calle Montevideo 1330, CP 1018, Baires, (SAE + $ 1,00 Argentino). QSL CX stations: BP 39073, Code Postal 70000 Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, (SAE + Uruguayan stamps). QSL, other countries: BP 39073, Code Postal 70000 Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, (SAE + 2 IRC). [LU5FF]

13/12/2008: Look for Curt, W3HQ to be active as KP4/W3HQ from Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR-006S, WLOTA LH-2802) during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (December 13-14th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HQ, bureau preferred or via VK4AAR. [NG3K]

13/12/2008: Operators Marcio/PY1RJ, Felix/PY1JF and Valci/PU1VPM will be active on their 2nd Amigos de Migos de S?o Gon??lo Dxpedition to Morro do Pacheco (WW Loc. GG87MD), Brail, on December 13th, using the call sign ZX1SG. Frequencies - 3.720, 7.060, 14.220, 21.220, 28.420, 50.110 MHz SSB also 144.550 MHz FM and 144.240 MHz SSB. QSL via PY1RJ (QRZ.com). [PY1PDF]

15/12/2008: Operators Andrey/UA9XC, Leonid/UA9XF, Ilya/UA9XLC and Nick/UA9XTL will be active as RI1OTA from Solovetskiy Island (EU-066, RR-02-04, RDA AR-27, Oblast Arkhangelsk #113 [RA]) from December 15-19th. Look for activity on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via UA9XC, direct or bureau or e-mail request. [rsgbiota.org]

15/12/2008: Roland, F8EN will once again be back to Libreville, Gabon, from December 15, 2008 to January 26, 2009. Call signs will be TR50R until December 31st and starting January 1st he will use TR8CR. QRV mostly 40/30/20m. QSLs via F6AJA, direct or bureau. [F6AJA]

16/12/2008: Ed, CO7PH and possibily other operators will be active as T47C from Cayo Coco (NA-086), December 16-21st. QRV mainly CW with some SSB on 160-10 meters. QSL via W3HNK. [425 DX News]

17/12/2008: Dave "Kawe", W6ZL will be active as A35KL from Foa Island (OC-169), Tonga, between December 17th and 19th. Expect activity on all bands. QSL via W6ZL, direct only (QRZ.com) or

via LoTW. [NG3K]

18/12/2008: Adam K2ARB will be QRV as KC4/K2ARB - CE9/K2ARB - VP8DKF from the ALE (Antarctic Logistics & Expeditions) base camp at Patriot Hills (IOTA AN-016, WABA MN-01, WAP MNB-02, WFF [World Flora Fauna] ANFF-013) and surrounding areas from December 18, 2008 to January 30, 2009 on CW, SSB and PSK31 when workload permits. Read an article by Adam about his operation in his blog at www.k2arb.blogspot.com/ . QSL via home call, direct only. [I1HYW]

18/12/2008: Peter, NO2R will be returning to Sihanoukville [a.k.a. Kampong Som], Cambodia on December 18th. He plans to be QRV as XU7ACY on 160-10 meters, using CW and SSB. Emphasis on 80 and 160 meters. No return date at this point in time. QSL via W2EN. [NG3K]
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LOOKING AHEAD -

04/01/2009: Paolo, IK2QPR will be active as HR9/IK2QPR from Roatan Island (NA-057, WLOTA LH-1671) from January 04-12th. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

22/01/2009: A large group of Radio Grupo Sur members will be on the air from Isla de Flores (SA-030, ARLHS URU-001, TWLHD WLH CX-001, WLOTA LH-0528, Admiralty G 0690, WW Loc. GF25AB), Uruguay, using CV5A call sign from January 22-26th working with monoband beam antennas for all bands. They will work all modes and there will be a dedicated RTTY-PSK31 station. QSL via CX2ABC. [EA5RM]

22/01/2009: CQD - RESCUE AT SEA BY WIRELESS - VARIOUS -
CQD, Jack Binns and the rescue at sea in 1909 Special Event 100th Anniversary January 22-24, 2009. For the 100th anniversary of the Republic-Florida collision, radio operators around the world will be at their Special Event Stations listening for special broadcasts and communications about Jack Binns and the Republic-Florida Collision! For a complete list of these events, go to: www.jackbinns.org/ and www.jackbinns.org/commemoration_news .

The Scunthorpe Steel Amateur Radio Club, Scunthorpe, UK, will be active for the Jack Binns event by signing GB5CQD on January 24th and January 25th. QSL via G0OKF, direct or bureau.

Also celebrating the Jack Binns event will be the The Lizard Marconi Wireless Station, The Lizard, Cornwall, UK, using the call sign GB100MSC from January 22-25th on 80m-10m CW and SSB. QSL via operators instructions.

The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society, Chelmsford, UK, will be QRV for the entire months of January and February using the call sign GB0MWT, operating from the Sandford Mill. Marconi Hut Morse only for January 23-25th on all bands, SSB and Morse. QSL via the bureau to G0MWT.

The Marconi Radio Club W1AA of Massachusetts, USA, will take part in the Jack Binns special event with two stations by representing SS Republic (Callsign MKC) as W1AA/MKC and SS Baltic (Callsign BC) as W1AA/BC. The two stations plan to be on the amateur bands on January 23 from 0001z to 0400z and on January 24 from 1200z to 2000z. Both SSB and CW modes will be used. QSL via W1AA (QRZ.com); DX can use the W1 Bureau. Website info at:
www.anything-it.biz/roass/roars.html [K1VV]

24/01/2009: Operators Cal/WF5W, Mike/K5UO and Rob/HK3CW will be active from San Andres Island (NA-033) from January 24-30th, including an entry in the CQ WW 160 Meter DX Contest (January 24-25th). QSL via W5PF. [NG3K]

31/01/2009: Ghis, ON5NT will be active holiday-style from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) between January 31st and February 7th. He will be mostly active during his evening hours on 30 and 40m CW, running 100 Watts. QSL via ON5NT. [F6AJA]

16/02/2009: Walter, HB9BHY will be participating in the 6th Antarctic Activity Week (February 16-22nd) using the special call sign HE8ICE (WAP-81). HE8 is also special prefix issued to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of USKA, so HE8ICE for the AAW 2009, instead of the old previous HB9ICE. QSL via HB9BHY. The full list of callsigns already booked for the 6th AAW is available at WAP website, by clicking on the specific AAW banner, or at:

http://www.waponline.it/Default.aspx?tabid=113 [I1HYW]

26/02/2009: Phil, G3SWH and Richard (Dick on CW), G3RWL will be active from the Hotel Trevani, Chimatso Bay, commune of Koungou, Grande Terre [aka Mahor?] island (DIFO FH-001, WW Loc. LH27OG), Mayotte (AF-027, WLOTA LH-0376) between February 26th and March 5th. They will both use the single call sign of FH/G3SWH. Activity will be mainly CW, on all bands 80-10 meters. Subject to QRN and site conditions, there may be some 160 meter CW activity. Richard may also operate some RTTY and/or PSK31. They plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. Main objective is to work as many European, North American and ROTW stations on as many bands as possible. QSL via G3SWH, either direct with SAE and adequate return postage (recommended), via Phil's web site for a bureau reply or via the bureau. Further information can be found at: www.g3swh.org.uk/mayotte.html [G3SWH]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/12/2008: In 1834 - Belgium was 4 years old - circulated for the first time out of the United Kingdom a train tractor drawn by an engine with steam, run on iron rails rather close to those which we know today. This event had placed a railway line between the towns of Malignant and Brussels in Belgium. With this occasion, l' IBPT allotted the Belgium Railway Amateur Radio Club - BRARC (users.skynet.be/fb356606/brarc/brarc.html), Belgian section of the FIRAC (webplaza.pt.lu/firac/), the special call sign ON175BR, usable from December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. The QSO carried out with the station-club are valid for the 'diploma FIRAC' (webplaza.pt.lu/firac/award.html). QSL via operator's information. [UBA HF News]

11/12/2008: To celebrate the 60th foundation anniversary of A.R.I. section of Como, the special call sign II2COMO is active until 31st December 2008. QSL via IK2AQZ. [ARI Como]

12/12/2008: The Radio Club FG5KC Ile de la Guadeloupe invites you to take part on December 12th and 13th with them at the village of Science festival at University Campus. They are going to present a young ham their activity followed by demonstrations of HF / VHF / DIGITAL live that you will convey a message to its young from your place of issue. So they hope for your contacts and carry out this exchange with you via radio club FG5KC/P. [K1XN]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

10/12-20/1/09 CT1/ON4LO/P: Fuzeta WLOL:POR-074 + others QSL HC (d/b)
10/12-12/12 FK/F5AHO: Ile des Pins WLOTA:0378 QSL HC (d/b)
12/12-26/12 KT3Q/4: Key Biscayne Island WLOTA:1246 QSL DL3OCH (d/b)
13/12-14/12 KP4/W3HQ: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL HC (b)

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US COUNTIES - USA-CA

Jeffrey, AF3X/m will activate the following US Counties between December 12th and 14th -

Friday December 12 - Leaving sometime after 1300z. TN: Knox, Anderson, Campbell. KY: Whitley, Laurel, Rockcastle, Madison, Fayette, Scott, Woodford, Franklin, Shelby, Jefferson. IN: Floyd, Harrison, Crawford, Perry, Spencer, (DuBois), Warrick, (Gibson), Vanderburgh, Posey. IL: White, (Edwards), (Wabash), (Hamilton), Wayne, Richland, Clay, (Jasper), (Cumberland), Effingham, (Fayette), Shelby, (Christian), Macon, Sangamon, Logan, Tazewell. If the band is still open and he is still getting contacts he will run some off-the-interstate counties between Tazwell and Rock Island, otherwise I-74 to Rock Island.

Saturday December 13 - Leaving as soon as the band starts to open. Jeffrey will attempt to run as much of this route as possible as weather/road conditions permit. If conditions get bad or the band closes down before he finishes he will go quickest route back to Illinois. Jeffrey needs to be back to Rock Island by about 0100z. IA: (Scott), Clinton, Jackson, Dubuque. IL: Jo Daviess. WI: Grant. IA: Jones, Delaware, Clayton, Allamakee, Fayette, Winneshiek. MN: Fillmore. IA: Howard, Mitchell, Floyd, Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Wright, Hamilton, Story?,

Hardin, Grundy, Marshall, Tama, Powesheik. If band is still open he might run Mahaska, Keokuk, Washington, Louisa, Muscatine (and maybe even more). Otherwise I-80 back to Illinois.

Sunday December 14 - Leaving from Rock Island way early in the morning and taking I-74 To Tazwell. Leaving Tazewell by 1100z. He will be running 40 and 75 Meters to start the day. If he am not getting any contacts by Champaign he will stick to the quickest route until the band opens. IL: Tazewell, Woodford, McLean, Dewitt, Piatt, Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Coles, Clark. IN: Route TBD. KY: Jefferson, Shelby, Franklin, Woodford, Scott, Fayette, Madison, Rockcastle, Laurel, Whitley. TN: Campbell, Anderson, Knox. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

Bill, K2HVN/m will run the following US Counties "on the fly" between December 13th and 17th -

Saturday December 13 - FL: Volusia, Flagler, St. Johns, Nassau. GA: Camden, Glynn, McIntosh, Liberty, Bryan, Chatham. SC: Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, Charleston, Berkely, Georgetown, Horry.

Sunday December 14 - SC: Horry. NC: Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Sampson, Johnston, Wilson, Nash, Halifax, Northampton. VA: Greensville, Sussex, Prince George, Henrico, Hanover, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Fauquier, Loudoun.

Tuesday December 16 - VA: Loudoun. MD: Frederick. PA: Adams, York, Cumberland, Dalphin, Lebanon, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Carbon, Luzerne, Lackawana, Wayne, Pike. NY: Orange.

Wednesday December 17 - NY: Orange, Ulster, Greene, Albany, Rensselaer. VT: Bennington, Windham, Windsor, Orange.

Bill's return trip to NH will be basically the same counties with the exception of Charleston, Berkeley, Georgetown-SC and counties after Loudoun-VA. He will be going a different way through PA and NY. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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SIX METERS & UP -

50 MHz allocated to amateur radio in Switzerland -
The Swiss authorities will allocate the 50 MHz band to amateur radio on a secondary basis by Jan 1, 2009. All Swiss and foreign CEPT class licensees may send with 100 watts PEP on 50-52 MHz without any antenna restrictions. Primary users may not be disturbed which includes the Ticino since there are still some TV stations active in the VHF band I in Northern Italy. [DX Newsletter]

The new and improved SIX on SIX Award
http://noars.net/got6/SIXonSIX.doc
(translations to other Languages comming soon)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated December 10, 2008)

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QSL INFO -

Due to my own stupidity, I have lost the DXbase log I keep from October 11, 2008 through December 1, 2008. While I don't necessarily want to have QSLs, I would like to try to rebuild the log information.

If it is possible, would those stations who worked me through that period please send me the log information including your call, the date and time of the QSO and the band on which we worked. I know it will be impossible to rebuild the log but any and all pertinent information would be appreciated.

I would also appreciate it if the DX bulletin editors could pick up this request and publish it in an upcoming issue.

Many thanks to all who might reply to VE1AL@rac.ca

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Al, VE1AL

LU4DXU/mm: According to Horacio, all the qsl cards of LU4DXU/mm "Corbeta Uruguay" have been replyed and are on the way
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QSLs received Bureau - 4J7WMF, 5Z1A, 6K2AVL, AM5R, AN0EB, BG7MVZ, CU8F, CU8T, DK150HZ, DLORUG/P, DR0R, EH6R, HB9SPACE, LA1S/LH, LZ08KM, PF07XMAS, T90HQ, T93J, T94GB, T960ARA and T96C.

QSLs received Direct - 3D2YA (via JA1NLX), 4L0A (via UU4JMG), 9L1X (via I2YSB), A25/DL7DF (via DL7DF), BT1OH (via BA4EG), CN2IPA (via HA3JB), EK6TA (via DJ0MCZ), EW2AA (via QRZ.com), H7/AJ9C (via AJ9C), JA6SOV/HC5 (via JA6SOV), JA6SOV/HC8 (via JA6SOV), JY4NE (via K3IRV), OX3KQ (via QRZ.com), P29NI (via SM6CVX), PY0FF (via W9VA), RA2FF (via QRZ.com), SU8BHI (via HA3JB), TG9NX (via N4FKZ), TO5DX (via AA4NN), TU2CI (via QRZ.com), VO2A (via VE3LYC), VP6DX booklet (sponsored in Sept.), VY2ZM (via QRZ.com), XU7ABN (via QRZ.com), XW3DT (via RK3DT QRZ.com) and YJ0AQY (via JA1JQY).

QSLs received LoTW - None to report :o(
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SILENT KEYS -

Joseph S. Raihshtain, RD4HF (ex: 4K6GF, UD6GF, UD6DLJ) of Samara, Russian Federation, became a Silent Key December 7, 2008 at the age of 80. Last year he was heavily sick, but each day, if he was not in the hospital, his voice sounded on the bands. To the last RD4HF participated in the round tables of Russian emergency network (PAC).
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BITS & PIECES -

THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO ENTERS A NEW PHASE AS OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

"EULEX will switch on and UNMIK will switch off", as EULEX's head put it today!

http://www.eulex-kosovo.eu

It was just a few days ago in the United Nations Security Council where the UN Secretary-General's fresh report on Kosovo highlighted the considerable progress made in Kosovo since its independence in February of this year. All Council members supported the decision by the Secretary-General to adapt the UN's role to this new, positive reality by accelerating the downsizing of the UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the transfer of rule of law authorities to the European Union's mission, EULEX as of December 9, 2008.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the Republic of Kosovo, as it is called in UN terms, is there to stay as it is recognized by fifty-three UN member states today. Even those European countries not recognizing Kosovo because of their own minorities, voted unanimously to let the EULEX take over the next phase of the new country's development work. This is also another historical event where, for the first time, the European Union is working together and with the United States on a peace settlement issue.

This same day also signifies a wonderful occasion to the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Martti Ahtisaari, who acted as the UN Special Envoy for Kosovo and whose "peace roadmap" is now in implementation. Mr. Ahtisaari has served as mediator in many complex negotiations in which there is no standard outcome. Kosovo's road to independence marks a unique case in which the only winners are the people of Kosovo. We all salute Mr. Ahtisaari for his mission under complicated circumstances and congratulate him on winning the Nobel Peace Prize which he will receive on this same day. Amateur Radio operators are grateful to Mr. Ahtisaari for his support of Amateur Radio Mission Goodwill Kosovo currently under implementation in Kosovo.

A special postage stamp is issued in Finland on December 10 in Mr. Ahtisaari's honor, and the next 1000 direct QSL envelopes released by OH2BH/OH2BN/OH2TA/OH2UA for YU8/OH2R, CN2B, CU2X,

FJ/OH2AM, OH0X, OH8X, OJ0B, TC4X will bear that stamp.

http://www.stampnews.com/stamps/stamps_2008/stamp_1225051444_791911.html [Martti Laine, OH2BH]

CE9 - ANTARCTICA: Nicolas F4EGX/FT5YI continues to try to be active during his nights on Saturday on 14270 +/- between 15z to 16z. He will stop his activity on the middle of december when the boat 'Astrolabe' will be there. He don't know if Christmas will be in FT5Y or on the boat. He will be if France around new year. [F6AJA]

KP2 - US VIRGIN ISLANDS: Masumi, JA3AVO (FISTS member #15029) will be QRV holiday-style from the U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) between January 17 and January 22, 2009. Look for him on the bands signing KP2/JA3AVO. QSL via home call.

PA - NETHERLANDS: PA6FUN QRV from Schiermonnikoog Island (IOTA EU-038, WW Loc. JO33BL) the smalest from a series of 5 islands in the northern Dutch island group called the "Wadden Eilanden". The Population is only 965 native inhabitants and a surface of 40 square km. Aim wil be to work as much stations during this period Activating the island for DX. QRV meteorscatter during Quadrantids! [MMMonVHF]

VK - AUSTRALIA: A special event station VI2BV90 will be active from the 24th of January 2009 until 1st of February 2009 to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Waverley Amateur Radio Society in Sydney, Australia. The operating schedule is being discussed and once it is finalised, it will be updated on the club's website http://www.vk2bv.org/ [VK2BNG]

They're at it again!!!!
Just a last minute reminder that the 3 Steve's (Steve-KF2TI, Steve-N2IFA, Steve-KB2ENF and Kurt-W2MW, aka Steve), along with those two laughing young men, Andrew-N2IFB and Eric-K2EMZ will be guest op'ing at the ARRL station, W1AW, Tuesday December 30, from 1700 - 2045 UTC.
This is their 16th annual WAS DX-pedition to Newington and they will be operating the following bands:
30M CW (Kurt aka Steve) 15, 20 and 40M SSB (Steve, Steve and Steve) Andrew-N2IFB and Eric-K2EMZ will also be operating as "Steves" on 10 and 17M and possibly 80M.
Hopefully condx will improve and they will try to listen for outside the US.
Packet spots will be posted.
If you work any 3 operators, they will send you a beautiful, full color WAS (Worked All Steve's) certificate (suitable for framing). No QSL is needed, as they will have copies of the log and send out a certificate to all those who qualify. QSL cards to them are not necessary for the WAS. If you want a W1AW QSL Card, please send to them direct or via the bureau.
The logs will be posted (hopefully) after January 1st on their website:
http://the3stevesarc.org/
This is not an officially sanctioned ARRL event. It is run for fun by the 3 Steves Amateur Radio Association (TSARC) - WK3SS (all rights reserved) and they are responsible for the printing and sending of the Worked All Steve's certificate (suitable for framing).
They would like to thank the ARRL for allowing them to play with their great toys and putting up with them each year. The team hopes to work you then. [Steve-KF2TI]

>From the CQ Newsroom...

Canadian time/frequency standard station CHU -- a fixture for decades on 7335 kHz -- will change frequency to 7850 kHz at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2009. The move comes as a result of the International Telecommunication Union's decision in 2007 to expand the 40-meter ham band in Europe and Africa (Region I) to 7000-7200 kHz. It was previously 7000-7100 kHz, with -- as every 40-meter DXer knows -- international broadcasting allocated from 7100-7300 kHz.

As part of the 40-meter expansion, the international broadcast band was shifted to 7200-7350 kHz. As broadcasters began relocating, CHU on 7335 began experiencing significant interference. Thus, officials at Canada's National Research Council, which operates CHU, decided to move the time/frequency standard station's transmissions to 7850 kHz as of the beginning of 2009. The complete NRC announcement (English version) is online at

http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/common_files/stories/chu/communique_e.pdf
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD
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